

**BUSINESS BRIEFS**

**Leonard Allen** of West Long Branch has been promoted to vice president and business development officer for Harmony Bank, with headquarters in Jackson. His main responsibility includes building, expanding and enhancing business and customer relationships in the Lakewood community. Allen was named a 2009 and 2010 Business Person of the Month, and the 2007 Citizen of the Year by the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce. Investors named him Best Business Banker, as well as Best Community Banker in 2009.

**The White Butterfly Café** and Gift Boutique, 200 N. County Line Road, Jackson, will host a fundraiser for the Jackson Veterans Memorial Garden from 1-4 p.m. May 24. Each person who comes in and makes a donation for the fundraiser will be given an American flag, and all parents and children will be encouraged to visit the memorial garden and to place the flag in the ground to honor the men and women who have served and sacrificed for the nation. The Jackson Veterans Memorial Garden is at the intersection of Jackson Mills Road and Commodore Boulevard, Jackson. Details: 732-534-9200.

**Robert Pedowitz, DO**, a board-certified family medicine physician on staff at Family Practice of CentraState, has been named president of the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Pedowitz graduated from the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City, Missouri. He completed a residency in family medicine at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, College of Osteopathic Medicine, Stratford. Dr. Pedowitz is the medical director of the Family Practice of CentraState, which has offices in Freehold, Hightstown, Monroe Township, Colts Neck and Jackson.

**R.J. Brunelli and Co.** has announced several leases that will bring new businesses to the area.

The Max Challenge, a franchisor of fitness centers with locations in New Jersey, New York and California, signed for a 2,400-square-foot space at Three Brooks Plaza, Route 9 North, Freehold Township.

R.J. Brunelli is the exclusive national tenant representative for Max Challenge Franchising, with co-account manager Patti

Fiore negotiating the Freehold Township deal.

Also, R.J. Brunelli brokered the lease for a European Wax Center franchisee for a 1,300-square-foot space at Howell Commons, Route 9 and Locust Avenue, Howell. The center is anchored by Kohl's, T.J. Maxx and Michaels.

This follows leases brokered by the firm last year in Freehold, Aberdeen and Piscataway in its role as European Wax Center's exclusive broker for central New Jersey.

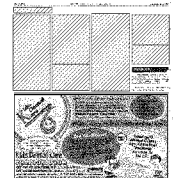
Danielle Brunelli-Albrecht brokered all of the deals.

**James Halpin** of Howell received a Journeyman Apprentice Completion Certificate from the U.S. Department of Labor after attending classes at the Local 68 International Union of Operating Engineers Training Center in West Caldwell. The school graduated 40 students this year. Each graduate completed 600 hours of classroom training and 8,000 hours of on-the-job training. For 57 years, the Local 68 International Union of Operating Engineers Education Fund has been preparing building engineers in New Jersey.

**Judie Jensen**, owner of Expressions and Reflections, Howell, has been selected as a finalist for one of New Jersey's Leading Women Entrepreneurs and Business Owners for 2015. Since its inception, the business has grown significantly in numbers of students and staff and has also included the development and manufacture of aids which allow students with significant physical challenges to play the piano. The company has also developed an ensemble class which allows musicians of different ages and talents to come together to perform in public.

**John T. Harrison** of Jackson has been named senior vice president of business lending in southern New Jersey for Investors Bank. Harrison is responsible for growing the bank's commercial deposits and business loan portfolios by leading the business lending teams in the Spring Lake Heights, Robbinsville, Mount Laurel and Sewell offices.

**Jersey Central Power & Light** was named a Business Leadership of the Year honoree by the New Jersey Conference of Mayors during its 52nd annual conference. The award recognizes the company's continuing efforts to establish strong working relationships with mayors across its service territory. Reporting to Vice President of Ex-



ternal Affairs Mark Jones, JCP&L staff members' day-to-day responsibilities include responding to service inquiries from municipalities, hosting tours of the company's outage control centers for community officials, proactively delivering weather-related alerts, and participating with local officials in calls regarding power restoration.